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**To: Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman  
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**From: Mark Romer, Fire Service Training Specialist III**

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** Instructor Qualifications for the new Fire Prevention 1 course

**Recommended Actions:**

STEAC approve the instructor qualification for the new Fire Prevention 1; Fire and Life Safety Inspections for the Company Officer.

**Background Information:**

This new course is designed to meet NFPA 1021 and the needs of the California Fire Service. The course teaches the company officer how to perform company level inspections. In the past personnel going through the fire officer program were required to take Fire Prevention 1A & B. These two courses were originally designed for fire prevention bureau personnel, instructor there for had to have an extensive background and experience in this field to register to become an instructor. This limited the pool of instructors for these courses to fire prevention personnel only.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

This new course, Fire Prevention 1, focuses specifically on what the company officer needs to know to perform company level inspections and does not try to make Inspectors working in a fire prevention bureau out of them. The cadre recognized that a company officer that has been doing company level inspections for a minimum of three years could become an effective instructor as well as an inspector who has been coordinating this level of an inspection program would also be an good candidate for instructing this course. The cadre recommends that STEAC approve the instructor qualification as presented in attachment #1.